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FRANCHISES FOR STREET RAILWAYS  
SHALL BE AWARDED HEREAFTER.

**Provisions of the New Ordinance Which Councilman Metcalfe Will Introduce Tomorrow Evening—Meeting of the Committee—The Cable Company's Taxes—Another Section of the Mayor's plate in Preparation—Municipal Matters.**

Councilman Metcalfe will present an ordinance, to-morrow evening, authorizing the

The Mayor and Comptroller shall advertise for bids for any franchise asked for by the street, or Elevated Railway Company, the bill has been drawn by City-Counselor Bell in accordance with the request of the joint committee composed of Councilmen McSafie and Blackly and Delegates Hays, Stone and Monahan. For ten days prior to the award of any franchise asked, the Mayor and Comptroller shall advertise for bids and grant the franchise to the highest bidder readvertising in the event of a tie. All the members of the Committee, Councilor Bell and Comptroller Campbell have expressed themselves as in favor of the plan to sell the franchises. The bill will be presented as the result of

the committee's investigation into the subject. The Cable Company and the Union Trust Co. are the only bidders who have been asking the right of way across Grand avenue from Tower Grove Park to the Fair Grounds. The opposing bidders should have been held back by the committee. The bills have been passed and the ordinance has been passed. The ordinance which will be introduced to-morrow evening will specify that the right of way shall be applied to the roads asking extensions. Under the new ordinance no franchise shall be granted for over thirty years.

Some members of the joint committee on the sale of franchises were present at yesterday's meeting. Messrs. Blakely and Monahan reporting themselves sick. The discussion of the subject was taken up by Mr. Stone, who was informal. Delegate Stone asked if the Municipal Assembly would not have to hold a special session to transact business on both the franchise and the ROW act, as the

gentlemen agreed that that would be the wisest course. Without dissent any positive decision on this catch-up plan the committee adjourned until the attendance of the other members can be secured. There are several bills now before the Council and House asking for franchises. Each of these has a number of friends who will oppose any delay proposed in order to allow the franchise bill to catch up with the procession of municipal measures.

**Final Arguments on the Terminal.**

To-morrow morning the Council Committee on Railroads will meet to hear final arguments on the Merchants' Terminal bill. It was intended to report to the Council on last Tuesday evening, but Mr. John D. Johnson, the

principal objectors to the terminal bill, were not present, and they were given until tomorrow to appear. A report will be made to the committee on the two amendments introduced at the request of the directors will be incorporated in the bill. There is a great deal of discussion as to whether the hearings so far Committee man Bell has indicated a strong opposition to the bill. Every day an appeal is made to the members of the House and Council admitted the necessity of the new bridge, but many of them deny the necessity of terminal road. The projectors claim that the one depends on the other, a fight on the terminal is a fight on the bridge. A little more definiteness on the part of the directors is needed. The terminal road would serve to disarm the objectors to a considerable extent and make them disclose

The real motives of their opposition. The fact that the merchants have agreed to let the committee without having made a sounding in the street and without even designating within the limits of a mile the location of the new bridge is a confession that they are before the committee, which will close its hearing of the arguments to-morrow morning.

**The Cable Company's Promises.**

When Attorney Cornellius, for President John Scullin of the Union Depot Railroad Company, before the Council Committee, charged that the Cable Company had broken faith with the city, Mr. Taylor, attorney for the Cable Company, stood up and warmly and denounced the statement as an unfounded slander. Yesterday that statement was given the lie by the fact that the Cable Company had canceled their verbal

privileges asked for by the company be made dependent on the payment of back taxes and the company be allowed to pay all taxes and license due the city in the future.

**Municipal Notes.**

The House Committee on Public Improvements will meet to-morrow at 4 p. m.

Market-Master Terrence Martin was installed to-day at the Union Market by Joe Devoy of the Comptroller's office.

A meeting of the Board of Public Improvements was held at noon to-day and award contracts for district sewers.

Councilman C. D. Comfort will attain his charter majority on Saturday and will be his opponent in the Council at the meeting on the following Tuesday.

It is reported that Mayor Francis will not

The Mayor is expected to send in the remaining state nominations to-morrow night. The Female Hospital Superintendent will be Dr. W. H. Dorsett or Dr. Fred Cutler, who are the principal candidates. Dr. A. C. Robinson, it is understood, will be named for the Board of Health. The new nominations made for Superintendent of Police are: Telegraph, Superintendent House of Refuge, City Market Master, City Weigher, Fish Inspector and Dairy Inspector.

New Warrants.

Jennie Gordon is charged with assaulting 3 Dollie Ida Stevens.

Dollie Ida accuses Bud Hicks of stealing a

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